

On *Helix lineata* Olivi, 1792

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Helix lineata Olivi, 1792, is as follows characterized by its author (p. 177): "Cochlea terrestris umbilicata ec. ec. *Gual. Test. Tab. 2 fig. L.M.N.O.P.*". It seems reasonable to interpret the name as based on the figures published by Gualtieri (1742) (our fig. 1), as has been done by Pollonera (1888: 13). Pollonera considered fig. L a form of "*H. variabilis* Drap." = *Cernuella virgata* (Da Costa, 1778), and figs. M, N and P forms of "*H. profuga* (auct. ital.)" = *Cernuella jonica* (Mousson, 1854) [Giusti (1976: 257) suggests that there are older names for *C. jonica*]; fig. O is not mentioned.

To prevent a future revival of the ambiguous name *H. lineata*, a name which is not in common use for any species at present, I hereby select the specimen figured by Gualtieri, 1742: pl. 2 fig. L as its lectotype. I agree with Pollonera's interpretation of this figure, which means that *Helix lineata* Olivi, 1792, becomes a junior synonym of *Helix virgata* Da Costa, 1778.



Fig. 1. Gualtieri's figures L-P (rearranged).

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